

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1, 11 and 20, which are independent, are hereby amended. Support to the amendments is provided throughout the Specification, specifically on pages 26 and 31 and Figure 9.

No new matter has been introduced. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,642,153 to Chaney, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Chaney”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,394 to Schein, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Schein”) and U.S. Patent No. 5,850,218 to LaJoie, et al. (hereinafter, merely “LaJoie”) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,528,670 to Elliot, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Elliot”).

Claims 5, 8, 15, 18, 24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Schein, LaJoie and Elliot and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,598,226 to Sorensen, (hereinafter, merely “Sorensen”).

Claims 9 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Schein, LaJoie, Elliot and Sorensen and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,570 to Usui, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Usui”).

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Schein, LaJoie and Elliot and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,470,497 to Ellis, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Ellis”).

Claims 10, 19 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Schein, LaJoie and Elliot and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,563,648 to Menand, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Menand”).

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“A television receiver, comprising...

... wherein when a program is not associated with a channel and an icon displayed on a display screen that displays the program is operated, a control means detects a free channel and associates the free channel with the program by storing the free channel number and program-relating information of the program as channel setting information,

wherein information used upon connection to a network is set to a first information setting table separate from a second information table containing channel setting information...
(emphasis added)

Applicants submit that Chaney, Schein, LaJoie, Elliot, Sorensen, Usui, and Menand, taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest “wherein when a program is not associated with a channel and an icon displayed on a display screen that displays the program is operated, a control means detects a free channel and associates the free channel with the

program by storing the free channel number and program-relating information of the program as channel setting information “ and “wherein information used upon connection to a network is set to a first information setting table separate from a second information table containing channel setting information”, as recited in claim 1 (emphasis added).

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 11 and 20 are also patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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